

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-388-A)**

**PATENT**

<b>In application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Nolan <i>et al.</i></b>	)	<b>Before the Examiner:</b>
	)	<b>S. Sharareh</b>
<b>Serial No.     09/851,743</b>	)	
	)	<b>Group Art Unit: 1617</b>
<b>Filed:           May 9, 2001</b>	)	
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<b>For:    Methods for Testing Compounds Useful</b>	)	
<b>In Treating Diabetic Complications</b>	)	

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2006. Their response will be due on October 10, 2006.

By the signature of the undersigned the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of any required fee.

If Examiner Sharareh believes it to be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,  
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